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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims by amending claim 11 (addition of a comma), and adding new claims 29 and 30.

Original claims 1-10 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 2, 2003 and new claims 11-28 were presented.

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A covering for a display device,

the covering being translucent, at least in some areas,

 $\label{eq:covering} \mbox{ the covering at least partly covering a} \\ \mbox{ front side of the display device,}$

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the covering is made of an intrinsically electrically conductive polymeric material or contains such a material, and

the covering has an electrical contact.

 ${\tt 12.\ (previously\ presented)\ A\ covering}$ for a display device,

the covering being translucent at least in some areas,

the covering at least partly covering a front side of the display device,

 $\label{the covering shielding electromagnetic} \\$ fields, wherein

a thin, intrinsically electrically conductive polymer layer that is translucent, at least in some areas, is applied to the covering, and

the polymer layer has an electrical contact.

13. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the contact is formed as a riveted cutting connection.

14. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the contact is formed as an electrical connection which at least partly borders the covering, an edge of the covering at least partly resting with a form fit on a component that holds the covering.

15. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering is formed as a dial (11) or cover glass (12).

16. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the display device is formed as a combination instrument.

17. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the display device contains at least one momentary-contact push button (15).

18. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering is made of a plastic or a mineral material.

19. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering is made of a layer structure, which comprises a layer substrate (1), a conductive polymer layer (2), at least one colored layer (3a, 3b) and a top layer (4).

20. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering has applied thereto a polymer layer (6) with such a high intrinsic conductivity that said polymer layer (6) is usable in connection with an electrical circuit arrangement for conductor tracks that carry current.

21. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the contact is formed as a riveted cutting connection.

22. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the contact is formed as an electrical connection which at least partly borders the covering, an edge of the covering at least partly resting with a form fit on a component that holds the covering.

23. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering is formed as a dial (11) or cover glass (12).

24. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the display device is formed as a combination instrument.

25. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the display device contains at least one momentary-contact push button (15).

26. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering is made of a plastic or a mineral material.

27. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering is made of a layer structure, which comprises a layer substrate (1), a conductive polymer layer (2), at least one colored layer (3a, 3b) and a top layer (4).

28. (previously presented) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering has applied thereto a polymer layer (6) with such a high intrinsic conductivity that said polymer layer (6) is usable in connection with an electrical circuit arrangement for conductor tracks that carry current.

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the covering being translucent, at least in some areas,

the covering at least partly covering a front side of the display device,

 $\label{the covering shielding electromagnetic} \\$ fields, wherein

the covering is made of an intrinsically electrically conductive polymeric material or contains such a material, and

the covering has an electrical contact to withdraw electric charge during use of the display device.

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the covering being translucent at least in some areas,

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